

DATE: January, 2007

TO: Authorized Representative/Food Service Director

FROM: Dean Flaws, Commodities Consultant

SUBJECT: 7E (Feb./March) Release

PLEASE ROUTE TO FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. **7E Order Form.** Enclosed in this mailing you will find the fifth Commodity Order form for the 2006-07 school year. The fifth shipment of commodities is being planned to start the week of Feb. 12, 2007. The delivery cycle takes approx. 5 weeks. **Please use the Fax or the Internet when ordering for 7E.**
Return orders as soon as possible.
2. **Internet Ordering** is available for 7E. Go to the Internet address: www.edinfo.state.ia.us, and enter your ID and password on the screen. Then click the submit button. **CLICK** Commodities on the application menu screen. Now you have two options: General Information or Commodity Order Form. Select Commodity Order Form and click the GO button. Instruction booklets and videos are available by calling this office.
3. **Deletions and/or Reductions for 7D (Jan.) Deliveries:**
#0405 Whole Frozen Eggs (Reduced in Mason City Warehouse)
4. **Anticipated Dates when Commodity order form will be up and on the web:**

7F	April Delivery	March 2
8A	Aug/Sept. Delivery	May 11
5. **Deliveries short/damaged:** When commodities arrive at your school, the product unloaded should be carefully counted and checked to make sure you are receiving the correct amounts. If you discover a shortage or any damage, make sure the driver makes a note on the warehouse release and initials it. **You must have a driver's signature indicating a problem on your delivery, before adjustment can be made on your billing.**
6. **Processed Commodity Food Items for 2006-2007.** All food items coded 2500 or above are processed food items and are an extra cost to your school district. You will be allocated one (1) of each item for all processed foods coded 2500 or above. If you ***do not*** want this product, you must put a "0" in the amount wanted column. You ***do not*** have to take these processed food items. Please note that there is a difference between the commodity value and the price of each item. The commodity value is the amount in each unit of product that is deducted from your school entitlement, unless it is a bonus commodity. The price of each item is the cost of the finished processed product. The school cost does not include the per case shipping and handling fee charged by Keck, Inc. for each case of product shipped. These are all optional products. The costs will be included in the amount you pay Keck, Inc. There will be ***no*** separate billings for processed products.
7. **The Iowa State Commodity Advisory Council** meets in Johnston on February 9, 2007. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local member.

2007 Commodity Advisory Council.

Joyce Flink, Odebolt-Arthur CSD	712-668-2767	Sherry Kaise, Western Dubuque	563-744-3512
Jeff Reeves, Webster City CSD	515-832-9210	Rich Luze, Sioux City CSD	712-279-6860
LaRae Doll, Johnston CSD	515-278-0278	Ann Lehman, Mt. Pleasant CSD	319-385-7704
Nancy Michels, Independence CSD	319-334-7423	Andrea McRell North Scott CSD	563-285-4612
Dalieth Johnston, East Greene CSD	515-436-7721	Lisa Emerson, Sacred Heart-Osage	641-732-3428

8 CLARIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT VS. BONUS

Under the USDA's Commodity Distribution Programs, commodities donated to states fall into one of two categories: ENTITLEMENT COMMODITIES AND BONUS COMMODITIES.

ENTITLEMENT COMMODITIES

Commodities that, by law, USDA must provide to the States. These commodities are supplied in limited amounts, and FNS (Food and Nutrition Services) is mandated to ensure that a certain dollar value of commodities be distributed to each State. Under the NSLP (National School Lunch Program), the amount of entitlement commodities sent to each State is determined by the number of meals served to children during the school year. In the 2005-2006 school year, states were entitled to receive .1750 cents in entitlement commodities for each meal.

BONUS COMMODITIES

Bonus commodities are those commodities which USDA makes available under its discretionary authority to dispose of surplus commodities to prevent waste and spoilage. FNS is not mandated to allocate a prescribed amount of bonus commodities to each state, and states are not limited in the amount of bonus commodities they can receive. Bonus commodities do not count against entitlement commodities due a state or against school balances.

However, the types and quantities of bonus commodities available change from year to year.

9. **Iowa Food and Distribution Program.** If you need additional information, commodity values, or forms for the Commodity Food Distribution programs, please visit our web site at: <http://www.iowa.gov/educate/>.
10. **New Products from USDA:** Iowa will offer several new products during the last commodity delivery of the 2006-2007 school year. We have included information fact sheets in this mailing to better prepare you for when you order in 7F (April deliveries). They will include:
- A) #0747 Ham, Ck'd, Frz. Cubed, case 8/5 lb. 40 net wgt., 43 gross wgt. case value \$60.00
 - B) #0749 Ham, Ck'd, Frz, Sliced, case 8/5 lb. 40 net wgt., 43 gross, case value \$60.00
 - C) #1705 Pork Crumbles, Fully Ck'd, case 4/10 lb. 40 net, 43 gross, case value \$72.72
 - D) #1708 Pork Patty Links, Fully Ck'd, case 4/10 lb., 40 net, 43 gross, case value \$52.97
 - E) #1712 Pork Sloppy Joe, Fully Ck'd, case 4/10 lb., 40 net, 43 gross, case value \$52.25

Sincerely,

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Enclosures